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SUBJECT: ICFTU AND WCL APPEAL FOR CEASE-FIRE IN SOUTH
VIET-NAM

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY
INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS (ICFTU)
AND WORLD CONFEDERATION OF LABOR (WCL) IN BRUSSELS
JANUARY 22. VIETNAMESE CONFEDERATION OF LABOR (CVT)
REFERRED TO IN TEXT IS NON-COMMUNIST SOUTH VIETNAMESE
ORGANIZATION WHICH IS MEMBER OF WCL. HEAD OF CVT,
TRAN QUOC BUU, IS INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN LABOR LEADER
AND RESPECTED MEMBER OF THE OPPOSITION IN VIET-NAM.

2. BEGIN TEXT

IN SPITE OF THE PARIS PEACE AGREEMENT SOLEMNLY ENTERED
INTO BY ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED, FIGHTING IN SOUTH
VIETNAM NOT ONLY CONTINUES BUT IS IN FACT INTENSIFIED,
RESULTING IN DEATH AND FURTHER DEVASTATION- ALL HOPE
OF REBUILDING VIETNAM WHICH THE PEACE AGREEMENTS SEEMED
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TO JUSTIFY IS SHATTERED. IT IS AGAIN THE COMMON

PEOPLE, THE WORKING MEN THAT SUFFER MOST, WHO ARE
DRIVEN FROM THEIR HOMES, WHOSE FAMILIES ARE TORN ASUNDER,
THEIR HARVESTS DESTROYED AND THEIR LIVES LOST.

WHAT SENSE DOES ALL THIS FIGHTING AND DESTRUCTION

MAKE? WHAT OBJECTIVE IS WORTH THIS PRICE? IN THE
NAME OF COMMON HUMANITY, THE ICFTU AND THE WCL
STRONGLY APPEAL FOR A STOP TO THE SENSELESS SLAUGHTER
AND A RETURN TO SANE METHODS OF SETTLING PROBLEMS.
THE ICFTU AND THE WCL INSIST THAT GENUINE OPPORTUNITY
MUST BE GIVEN TO THE PEOPLE TO DETERMINE DEMOCRATICALLY
HOW THEY WANT TO BE GOVERNED, AND FIRMLY CONDEMN THE
USE OF FORCE AND VIOLENCE AS WELL AS ANY OTHER METHODS
OF COERCION BY WHATEVER QUARTER TO IMPOSE ANY KIND OF
REGIME ON THE PEOPLE.

SUPPORTING THE RESOLUTION PASSED IN THE LAST
CONVENTION OF THE C.V.T. (VIETNAMESE CONFEDERATION
OF LABOR), THE ICFTU AND WCL URGE ALL SIGNATORIES OF THE
PARIS AGREEMENT TO ADOPT ALL NECESSARY MEASURES TO
STOP IMMEDIATELY THE WAR RAGING AGAIN ON THE TERRITORY
OF SOUTH VIETNAM AND DAMAGING SO BRUTALLY THE GOODS AND
LIVES OF INNOCENT CIVILIAN POPULATIONS. END TEXT. INGERSOLL

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